

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for a manufacturer to order material, comprising:
considering a quantity of a material available from a plurality of suppliers via a computer system;
considering a quantity of a material available from a plurality of supplier logistics centers via a computer system;
identifying a supplier or a supplier logistics center to receive an order for the material
based upon the considering the quantity of material available from the plurality of suppliers and the considering the quantity of materials available from the plurality of supplier logistic centers; and
sending electronically an order for the material to the supplier or supplier logistics center identified to receive the order
wherein the material is not ordered until the manufacturer realizes a demand, wherein the manufacturer realizes the demand for the material after orders are received from customers, fulfilling the orders requires assembling products, and assembling the products requires the material.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein when the order for the material is sent electronically to a supplier logistics center, the supplier logistics center previously received the material from a supplier.
4. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 3, wherein the manufacturer takes title to the material after the material is shipped by the supplier.
5. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the order requires delivery of the material within a specified period of time.

6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 5, wherein the specified period of time is less than one day.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a computer system, comprising:
considering a quantity of material available from a plurality of suppliers via a computer system;

considering a quantity of material available from a plurality of supplier logistics centers via a computer system;

identifying a supplier or a supplier logistics center to receive an order for material based upon the considering the quantity of material available from the plurality of suppliers and the considering the quantity of materials available from the plurality of supplier logistic centers;

ordering material from the supplier or supplier logistics center identified to receive the order; and

assembling the computer system at an assembly facility from the material.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the material is ordered after a manufacturer realizes a demand, wherein the manufacturer realizes the demand for the material after orders are received from customers, fulfilling the orders requires assembling the computer system, and, assembling the computer system requires the material.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein when the material is ordered from the supplier logistic center, the supplier logistics center previously received the material from a supplier.

10. (Original) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the manufacturer takes ownership of the material after the material is shipped by the supplier.

11. (Original) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the order specifies delivery of the material within a specified period of time.

12. (Original) The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the specified period of time is less than one day.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a computer system, comprising:

considering a quantity of material available from a plurality of suppliers via a computer system;

considering a quantity of a material available from a plurality of supplier logistics centers via a computer system;

identifying a supplier or a supplier logistics center to receive an order for the material based upon the considering the quantity of material available from the plurality of suppliers and the considering the quantity of materials available from the plurality of supplier logistic centers ;

sending electronically an order for the material to the supplier or supplier logistics center identified to receive the order; and

manufacturing the computer system at a manufacturing facility using the material received at the manufacturing facility.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the material is ordered after a demand is realized by a manufacturer, wherein the manufacturer realizes the demand for the material after orders are received from customers, fulfilling the orders requires assembling the products, assembling the products requires the material.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein when the material is shipped from a the supplier logistics center, wherein the supplier logistics center previously received the material from a supplier.

16. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the manufacturer takes title to the material after the material is shipped by the supplier.

17. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the order requires delivery of the material within a specified period of time.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 17, wherein the specified period of time is 1 day.

19 – 25. (Cancelled)